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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c)(2)

(Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the May 31, 2004 Notice Regarding Drawings in the above-referenced patent application. That Notice objects to figures 2, 4, 5, 7, 9-13, 15, and 16 for having solid black background.

Applicants cannot file corrected drawings without solid black background by the July 31, 2004 deadline because they have been unable to locate the original color prints from which figures 2, 4, 5, 7, 9-13, 15, and 16 had been prepared. Thus, Applicants request that the Patent Office withdraw the application from issue.

Together with this petition, Applicants have enclosed a request for continued examination and an amendment to the specification.

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Applicants have enclosed a check for \$900.00 to cover the fees for this petition and the request for continued examination. Applicants do not believe that they owe any other fee(s) in connection with this submission. If, however, Applicants do owe any fee(s), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. **08-0750**. In addition, if there is ever any other fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 in connection

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Respectfully submitted,



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